

HOUSE BILL 1871

By Ramsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,  
Chapter 1, relative to dental services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-304(b), is amended by adding the following language at the end of subsection:

The language "to the extent possible within budget limitations" as used in this section does not relieve rural or metro health departments with dental staffs and clinical facilities of the obligation to occasionally provide indigent adult patients who present for relief of pain and infection, proper emergency services. Failure of the metropolitan or county health department to comply may result in a reduction of state funding or exclusion of the health department to comply may result in a reduction of state funding or exclusion of the health department from participation in state administered programs such as TennCare or Cover Tennessee.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.